

SIX LABOR SPY AGENCY MEN FACING TRIAL FOR CONTEMPT OF U.S. SENATE

Railway Audit & Inspection Co. Refuses to Obey Subpoenas Served by Senate Civil Liberties Committee

Company Reputed to Be One of Largest Private Detective Agencies in United States, and is Alleged to Make Specialty of Spying on Labor Unions and Activities Among Employees of Large Corporations—Company Officials Charged With Having Destroyed Documents After Having Been Summoned.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 8 (APL).—Six officials and employees of the Railway Audit and Inspection Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., pleaded not guilty in the Federal District Court here to indictments by the District of Columbia grand jury charging them with contempt of the U. S. Senate in refusing to obey subpoenas served last Fall by agents of the Senate Civil Liberties Committee requiring them to appear before the committee with their records and documents of the concern's activities. The company is a subsidiary of the largest private detective agencies in the United States and is alleged to make a specialty of spying activities with regard to labor unions and other groups at various corporations.

The indicted men are: W. W. Groves, president of the Railroad Audit and Inspection Company; W. Boone Groves, vice-president; James E. Blair, secretary; Robert Judge of New York City, a distributor; L. Douglas Rice, general manager; and J. C. Boyer, an operator.

Although the indictments were issued last September, the defense attorneys have delayed their trial by using various legal tactics. The defense attorneys have used various legal tactics to delay the trial, including filing motions to suppress evidence and to dismiss the charges. The defense attorneys have also used various legal tactics to delay the trial, including filing motions to suppress evidence and to dismiss the charges.

In testimony before the House subcommittee, which issued the report, a representative of the Civil Liberties Committee, headed by Sen. La Follette of Wisconsin, stated that the managers of company's offices in various cities not only refused to surrender documents in response to the subpoena, but actually destroyed them. Agents of the committee seized waste paper discarded by officers of the company and had the scraps of torn correspondence pieced together. From those sources the committee gained considerable information which the company believed had been completely buried in a document-destroying policy.

Conviction on the contempt charge is punishable by a fine of \$100 to \$1,000 and by imprisonment of one month to a year.

**AMONG AGED IF DONAHUE BILL
FOR PENSIONS BECAME LA**

Bill Sponsored by Biddeford Representative Would Provide Elderly Person 65 or Over With Pension of \$30 a Month, Irrespective of Income—Multiple Sources Provided Include Profits Made Selling Liquor Sales to Create Sufficient Funds to Meet Five Million Dollars Annual Payments.

There was no half-way measure taken by Representative William P. Donahue, Democrat, of Biddeford, when he drafted his old age pension bill, which provides \$36 a month to the aged poor of the State after the "port of entry" to the station or place of leaving the state.

A plan outlined for receiving a share of the amount needed to meet expenses from income tax carefully worked out in the draft

To provide the five million dollars estimated to be necessary to carry out the provisions of the bill, it would take all the profits from the sale of liquor, amounting to \$700,000 a year, and the profits from the sale of hotel and restaurant liquor, amounting to the bill. This would impose a 1 1/2 per cent on all persons who comes amount to \$2,000 or more annually. Exemptions would be made for husband or wife and \$250 for child or parent dependent upon taxpayer.

How far the Representative

The measure would impose a tax of 75 per cent of all interest in excess of one and one-half per cent collected by small loan agencies would tax money lent by the state or any of its agencies.

**GOV. MURPHY REBUKES STRIKE-
BREAKING ALLIANCE; SAYS THE
UNION MUST BREAK IN NEGOTIATIONS**

CAUSED BREAK IN NEGOTIATIONS

Tells Committee C. M. C. Workers Would Be All Back at Had They Not Interfered With Efforts to Settle Difficult Flint Plant—C. I. O. Bulletin Says Sloan's Refusal of President's Offer

Invitation to Sit in Conference Served to Strengthen More Auto Strikers.

According to Frank Winn, in Monday's issue of the "Union News Service," official newspaper of the Committee for the Abolition of the National Labor Relations Board, Alfred

...their struggle to win co-bargaining from the octopus auto industry.

Workers Resist Attack

In Flint, sentiment is high. A public opinion sympathetic to the strikers is mounting, and members of the union continues to increase in number. Company-inspired union organizers in Anderson and Saginaw, Mich., have built up a strong feeling of resentment

This is the substance of reports to the international office of the United Automobile Workers from every striking plant as determined workers con-

PENNA.'S DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR VIGILANT LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

People Have Given Command for Progress and State Government Must Obey, Earle Says, Calling for Laws to End Company Towns, Protect Labor's Rights, and Accomplish Many Other Reforms, Including Slum Eradication.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 4 (ILNS)—Addressing a joint session of the first Pennsylvania Legislature, Governor Earle called for laws to keep their capital, to obey the public, and to put through a series of reforms that would make Pennsylvania one of the most progressive states, instead of one of the most backward.

"We have before us a tremendous responsibility," Governor Earle said. "The people have given me a mandate. I have given them a promise. I have given them a command. Let us not forget that."

Offers 15-Point Program
The governor then laid down a program of 15 points, several of which are of interest to labor.

The creation at once of a commission of inquiry with all necessary powers to seek solution of bootlegging and other evils afflicting the state.

Abolition of company towns and company stores, "chief symbols of exploitation," he called them.

Legal protection for the rights of unionization and collective bargaining.

ALABAMA FLOGGING VICTIM TELLS OF BARBAROUS ATTACK TO SENATE INVESTIGATING GROUP

Washington, D. C., Feb. 4 (ILNS)—The Senate Labor Committee probably had the most exciting session of its life when the witness stand was occupied by Joseph S. Giddens, flogged half to death by the celebrated champions of law and order at Birmingham, Alabama last fall.

Giddens is a middle aged man, who interrupted his schooling to enlist during the war, then worked for a time as a janitor, then as a coal miner.

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Drawn for LABOR by John M. Bear



COURT ORDERS RETURN OF COMPANIES FLEEING TO ESCAPE CONTRACTS WITH TRADE UNIONS

Dress Companies Directed to Move Back to New York, Reinstate Discharged Workers and Pay Them Damages for Loss of Wages—Firms Sought Cheap Labor—Strong Measures Needed to Remedy Bad Situation

New York City Police officials said that the Supreme Court Justice William McKenna had ordered two apparel dress companies to move their operations back to New York to take the case against them.

Justice McKenna attributed the "unjust result" to a "head-on collision" between a union, a company, and an employer with an unscrupulous business record.

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INJUNCTION JUDGE OWNS STOCK IN GENERAL MOTORS VALUED AT \$219,000 SAYS U.A.W. PRES.

Judge Edward D. Blackford "Explains" As He Faces Impeachment by Bar Association in Michigan Following Sweeping Injunction Against Union Officials in Flint Strikes—How Many Judges Own General Motors Stock?

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CHIEF OF CHILDREN'S BUREAU REPORTS A DECIDED INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

Miss Katharine Lenroot Predicts Early Ratification of Amendment to Federal Constitution, Conferring Upon Congress Power to Regulate Labor of Persons Under 18 Years of Age—25 States Have Now Ratified Act.

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WASHINGTON PAYS FINE TRIBUTE TO WORST ABUSED OFFICIAL IN THE UNITED STATES

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FARMER-LABOR REPRESENTATIVE CALLS UPON MAJOR PARTIES TO MEET SUPREME COURT ISSUE

Congressman George J. Schneider of Wisconsin Says on Basis of Momentous Events, 75th Congress Will Be Expected to Give More Than Lip Service to Idea of Industrial Democracy Favors 30-Hour Week to Provide Work for Unemployed.

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LABOR MUST ORGANIZE TO PROTECT ITSELF AGAINST FUTURE DANGERS SAYS MINNESOTA'S NEW GOVERNOR

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